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333 W. Nye Lane, Room 138
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Notice of Proposed Action

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for a Water Pollution Control Permit for the **Lunker Hill Project**, a physical separation mining facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for Water Pollution Control Permit **NEV2003106** is:

James D. Malone
Lunker Hill Project
P.O. Box 286
Imlay, Nevada 89418

The facility, known as the Lunker Hill Project, is located on private lands within Section 1, Township 34 North, Range 34 East, Mount Diablo Baseline & Meridian, approximately 15 miles north-northwest of Mill City in Pershing County, Nevada.

The project consists of a physical separation mining facility (Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.414) with an approved operating capacity of 36,500 tons per year. The facility is comprised of a trommel and sluice washing and recovery plant with three (3) settling ponds. Make-up water is obtained from a well located on the site and wash water is recycled. Chemicals are not approved for use in the recovery process. Facilities are required to be designed, constructed, operated and closed without any discharge or release in excess of those standards established in regulation except for meteorological events which exceed the design storm event.

The Administrator is constrained to issue the Water Pollution Control Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the permit.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed Water Pollution Control Permit, to recommend terms and conditions for consideration of incorporation into the permit, or who request a public hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, NAC

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Chapter 445A, must submit their written comments, objections, or requests no later than 5:00 PM on the 30th day following the date of publication of this notice (25 August, 2003) to:

Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation
Capitol Complex
333 West Nye Lane, Room 138
Carson City, Nevada 89706-0851

All comments or objections received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding this Water Pollution Control Permit. If the Division determines written comments or requests indicate a significant degree of public interest in this matter, the Administrator shall schedule a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of NAC 445A.405.

The draft Water Pollution Control Permit and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS 445A.665. For more information, contact Miles Shaw at (775) 687-9409, toll free in Nevada (800) 992-0900, extension 4670, or visit our website at <http://ndep.nv.gov.bmrr/bmrr01.html>